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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Present Application:**

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Title : HUMAN FGF-21 GENE AND GENE EXPRESSION PRODUCTS  
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**Prior Application:**

Examiner : Ruixiang Li  
Art Unit : 1646  
Application No. : 09/715,805

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-11, 19-21, 23-59 without prejudice.

Remarks

With entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 12-18 and 22 are pending in this application. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

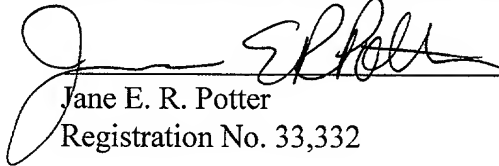


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